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1. On 29 and 30 September 1952, troops were seen being unloaded at the Bad Freienwalde railroad station. About 50 T-34 tanks were counted. They were sheltered in the barracks installation, while the trucks were taken to a shed across from the installation. Ammunition was unloaded during the period from 1 to 3 October.¹

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2. On 6 October, 5 trucks towing AT guns and carrying equipment and baggage were seen leaving the wood camp in Neu Planken at the Letzling Heath training grounds. Truck 25X1 was observed.²

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3. At 11 a.m. on 7 October, a column of about 30 trucks carrying bridge building equipment including 10 to 13 carrying half and medium pontoons and one with truck cranes were entrained at the Temolin railroad station. 25X1

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4. At 11:30 p.m. on 9 October, 19 T-34 tanks were seen moving from the Friedrichstadt railroad station in Magdeburg toward Margaretenhof.²

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5. On 9 October, the Horn Kaserne in Frankfurt/Oder was occupied by a tank unit of about 300 men which came from Lieberose. Six T-34 tanks, trucks 25X1 Six to 8 buildings of the unit were occupied by young soldiers wearing black-bordered black, red-bordered black and black-bordered crimson epaulets. Groups of 150 to 200 soldiers were repeatedly observed arriving from the direction of Cottbus and Kuesstrin. They were invariably detained between stations near the signal boxes of Faulersee and Rosengarten. The soldiers remained at the camp for only a short period and were then transported on regular leave trains to other posts in small groups. On 13 October, a train carrying 11 T-34 tanks was seen en route from Lieberose to Eberswalde.⁴

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6. [redacted] maneuvers were held in the area of Boehne, Premnitz and Loegelin since 7 October. About 100 trucks including trucks towing guns of 100 to 120-mm caliber and about 200 soldiers were entrained at the Premnitz railroad station at noon on 10 October. The train departed in the direction of Rathenow. [redacted] Four companies were seen marching on the road to Boehne at noon. 5
7. Shipments seen at the Neustrelitz railroad station on route from Berlin toward Neubrandenburg included:
- 9 October. At 11:45 a.m. a train consisting of 8 boxcars with about 250 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and of an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 10 x 120-mm mortars, 1 jeep, 4 motorcycles and about 25 trucks [redacted]
- 10 October. A train of 18 boxcars carrying 500 soldiers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets (air force).

11 October. A train consisting of 9 boxcars with about 200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and of an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 3 x 122-mm field howitzers, 35 trucks [redacted]

8. On 10 October, a train consisting of about 40 gondola cars and of an undetermined number of boxcars carrying about 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets was unloaded at the Wildpark railroad station. Three prime movers, 6 x 76.2-mm guns and 10 trucks [redacted] hauling billeting equipment were seen moving toward Nedlitz. Trucks [redacted] were seen hauling billeting equipment from the Wildpark railroad station in the direction of Nedlitz on 11 October. The north section of the Delius Kaserne was occupied to capacity on 11 October, while the south section of the installation was reoccupied by artillery units on 10 and 11 October. The Indendorff Kaserne and Hohenlohe Kaserne were vacant on 11 October, while the Kriegsschule and the barracks installation in Wildpark-West were occupied. 7

9. On 10 October, a train consisting of 6 boxcars with personnel and of an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 4 BA-64 armored scout cars and 13 trucks including trucks [redacted] passed through Neuruppin, proceeding in the direction of Leewenberg. At 4 p.m. on 11 October, another train consisting of 7 boxcars with personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 2 boxcars with ammunition and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 1 BA-64 armored scout car [redacted] 6 motorcycles, 3 x 37-mm AA guns and 15 trucks [redacted] went in the same direction. 8 On 11 and 13 October, 21 boxcars carrying about 750 recruits were seen in Altruppin. The destination of the train was unknown to source. 9

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1. [redacted] Comment. Units of the 6th Gds Pocz Div were repeatedly reported being unloaded during this period. [redacted]
2. [redacted] Comment. Possibly advance parties of units of the 19th Gds Pocz Div which went to Magdeburg on 6 October. However, they probably came from Camp Lorn. Tank units of this division were probably unloaded in Magdeburg on 2 October, starting the retransfer from Jatzling Heath of units of the division.
3. [redacted] Comment. The loading was made by units of the 800th Lgr Bn of the XVIII Gds Rtz Rifle Corps which, according to another report, [redacted] went to Dessau to participate in the fall maneuvers of the Eighth Gds Army. [redacted]

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4. [] Comment. [] units of the 7th Gds
 25X1 Mecz Div were unloaded on 9 October coming from Lieberose and that elements
 25X1 of the 34th Gds Tank 6P Regt entered the Horn Kaserne. []
 25X1 The T-34 tanks mentioned in the present report are believed to have been JS
 25X1 tanks or 6P guns. The train on 13 October probably had Fuerstenwalde for its
 25X1 destination. []
 25X1 The hutment near the Horn Kaserne is known as a processing camp for the exchange
 25X1 of personnel. A central office to send the recruits on to East Germany is
 25X1 probably located in Frankfurt/Oder.
5. [] Comment. Source probably saw the field exercises of the units of the
 25X1 Fourth Gds Mecz Army which took place in the area south and east of Rathenow
 25X1 during the period from 4 to 10 October. These units were previously reported
 25X1 returning to their posts by several sources. []
6. [] Comment. [] three trains carrying units of the 25th
 25X1 Tank Div which, according to [] the 5th Subdistrict Office of the
 25X1 Berlin Regional railroad headquarters were dispatched to Prenzlau from the
 25X1 training area of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army east of Rathenow on 9 and 10 October.
 25X1 [] The first train possibly carried units of the unidentified
 25X1 mortar regiment of the above mentioned division.
7. [] Comment. With the exception of the Delius Kaserne Sued, the occupation
 25X1 of the barracks installations in Potsdam indicates no changes over the last report.
 25X1 [] The return to the Delius Kaserne Sued of units of the
 25X1 unidentified gun artillery brigade of the 34th Arty Div (GS) was indicated in
 25X1 [] the Berlin regional railroad [] which showed that the
 25X1 units of the division not involved in the field exercises moved in two trains
 from Altengrabow to Wildpark on 9 and 10 October. []
8. [] Comment. []
 25X1 Although somewhat out of the ordinary, the retransfer of units of the Fourth
 25X1 Gds Mecz Army via Neuruppin is possible from Rathenow via Neustadt on the Dosse
 25X1 River. It cannot be determined, if the trains went to Oranienburg, Prenzlau,
 Templin or Eberswalde.
9. [] Comment. The recruits probably came from Neustrelitz and were destined for
 25X1 the 12th Gds Tank Div. [] transportation indicated that shuttle-train []
 25X1 went from Neustrelitz to Neuruppin on 10 October. []

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